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INVENTION : Welded Hip Prosthesis
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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION OF May 19, 2005

Sir:

In response to the FINAL Office Action dated May 19, 2005
having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire Aug.
19, 2005 kindly amend the above-entitled application as follows,
no new matter is added:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims
which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.